

REMARKS

None of the claims have been amended or cancelled. Claim 1 is pending and under consideration. No new matter is presented in this Response.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTIONS:

Claim 1 is provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 2 of copending Application Serial No. 10/735,850.

Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/735,850. In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 1 is overcome.

Claim 1 is provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 10 and 11 of copending Application Serial No. 10/735,819 in view of Nakai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,999,698).

Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/735,819. In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 1 is overcome.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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